

Article for Chatham Township Website

I guess Punxsutawney Phil and his fellow ground hogs got it right this year cause it surely looks like an early spring. Time to start thinking about the abundant crops attainable at the CHATHAM COMMUNITY GARDEN.

The garden is in decent shape after the winter snows have melted. This is a good time to clean up your plot and put down a layer of compost.

Please bag the material from the clean up and take it home with you for disposal. This will minimize future damage from fungi and insects left over from last year and reduce the weeding

In case you were not at the meeting in the Library in February, the committee has decided to change the format of the mandatory volunteering policy. Instead of the committee keeping track of specific tasks and volunteer hours, we will host several group volunteer days at the garden throughout the season. The first one is scheduled on April 23rd from 9 am until 3 pm with a rain date of April 30th (same time frame). Please bring a rake. We would like members to help for at least a few hours at one or more of these group volunteer days. We will provide sign up sheets at these events to keep track of those who show up to help. If you cannot attend any of these group volunteer days, please let the committee know so that we can assign you an alternate task for your mandatory volunteering.

Early planting can be done now but the water will not be turned on until April 15th so you will have to bring your own water.

There are still a few plots available. If you or anyone you know has interest, please fill out the application and send it in to Robin Kline at Chatham Borough, 57 Fairmount Ave, Chatham, NJ 07928. Plots will then be assigned by the Chatham Community Garden Committee after which payment is made.